

For exchange purposes, particularly in connection with State and other highway developments, the Secretary is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, any non-Federal land or interests therein situated within the park area herein prescribed, and in exchange therefor to convey park land or interests therein of approximately equal value.

Approved April 17, 1954.

Public Law 339

CHAPTER 160

AN ACT

April 19, 1954
[S. 1456]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (2) and (3) of section 1 of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and (2) that the said Gorgas Memorial Institute be, and it is hereby, authorized within its discretion, henceforth to accept from any of the Latin American Governments, or from any other sources, any funds which may be offered or given for the use of the Gorgas Memorial Institute for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and for carrying on the work of said Laboratory wherever deemed by the said Institute to be necessary or desirable."

Gorgas Memorial
Laboratory.

45 Stat. 491.
22 USC 278.

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Public Law 340

CHAPTER 169

AN ACT

April 22, 1954
[H. R. 7110]

To provide that title to certain school lands shall vest in the States under the Act of January 25, 1927, notwithstanding any Federal leases which may be outstanding on such lands at the time they are surveyed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act confirming in States and Territories title to lands granted by the United States in the aid of common or public schools", approved January 25, 1927, as amended (43 U. S. C., sec. 870), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

School lands.
Title.

44 Stat. 1026.

"(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the fact that there is outstanding on any numbered mineral section at the time of its survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, shall not prevent the grant of such numbered mineral section to the State concerned as provided in this Act.

"(2) Any numbered mineral section which has been surveyed prior to the date of the enactment of this subsection, and which has not been granted to the State concerned solely by reason of the fact that there was outstanding on it at the time of the survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, is hereby granted by the United States to such State under this section as if it had not been so leased; and the State shall succeed to the position of the United States as lessor under such lease or leases.

“(3) Any numbered mineral section which is surveyed on or after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and on which there is outstanding at the time of such survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, shall (unless excluded from the provisions of this section by subsection (c) for a reason other than the existence of an outstanding lease) be granted to the State concerned immediately upon completion of such survey; and the State shall succeed to the position of the United States as lessor under such lease or leases.

“(4) The Secretary of the Interior shall, upon application by a State, issue patents to the State for the lands granted by this Act, in accordance with the Act of June 12, 1934 (48 Stat. 1185, 43 U. S. C. sec. 871a). Such patent shall include a statement that the State succeeded to the position of the United States as lessor at the time the title vested in the State.

“(5) Where, at the time rents, royalties, and bonuses accrue, the lands or deposits covered by a single lease are owned in part by the State and in part by the United States, the rents, royalties, and bonuses shall be allocated between them in proportion to the acreage in said lease owned by each.”

SEC. 2. Subsection (c) of such Act, as amended, is amended by striking out “That” and by inserting in lieu thereof the following: “Except as provided in subsection (d).”

Approved April 22, 1954.

Public Law 341

CHAPTER 170

AN ACT

April 22, 1954
[H. R. 7380]

To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to reconvey certain property which the city of Boulder, Colorado, donated to the Secretary of Commerce for the establishment of a radio propagation laboratory.

Boulder, Colo.
Reconveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to reconvey, without compensation in such manner and on such other terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interests of the United States, to the city of Boulder, Colorado, two acres of land more or less, consisting of a portion of a tract of some two hundred and ten acres of land in Boulder County, Colorado, which tract was conveyed without compensation to the United States Government represented by the Secretary of Commerce, as a site for a radio laboratory under authority of Public Law 366, Eighty-first Congress, approved October 25, 1949 (63 Stat. 886), the said land reconveyed to be used by the city of Boulder, Colorado, as part of a site for a water reservoir.

15 USC 272 note.

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Public Law 342

CHAPTER 171

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 22, 1954
[S. J. Res. 146]

To authorize the designation of October 16, 1954, as National Olympic Day.

Whereas the XVIth Olympic Games of the modern era will be held in Melbourne, Australia, November 22 to December 8, 1956, with Winter Games to be held at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, January 26 to February 5, 1956; and

Whereas the Pan American Games will be held in Mexico City in March 1955; and